

**Cold Relationship Between Federal Government And Opposition-Held States
Hampers Development - Shafie
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SEMPORNA, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal said today the bulk of the federal government road maintenance aid to opposition-held Selangor and Kelantan had been used for some other purpose.

Only a small portion of the allocations had been utilised for maintenance of roads in the two states, he said, pointing out that the not so cordial relationship between the federal and state governments undermined federal government help to bring development for the people.

The cold relationship between the federal and Selangor governments was obstructing efforts to build the Langat 2 water treatment plant, he told reporters after attending the launch of seaweed cluster farming by Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar.

Shafie, who is the rural and regional development minister, said a project of his ministry to supply water to the Orang Asli community in Gua Musang, Kelantan, had run into problems due to the cold relationship with the state government.

He also said that at one time when the government in Sabah was not aligned with the federal government, development in the state suffered due to difficulty in getting funds from the federal government.

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